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SUBJ: JONATHAN/ MOKHEHLE MEETING

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1. PRIME MINISTER MET WEDNESDAY WITH BCP LEADER MOKHEHLE AND SECRETARY GENERAL CHAKELA TO DISCUSS NOMINATED PARLIAMENT. ACCORDING TO CABINET SECRETARY MAPETLA, WHO ONLY OTHER PRESENT, JONATHAN TOLD MOKHEHLE BCP COULD NAME ITS REPRESENTATIVES; NO RPT NO LIST OR PANEL TO BE SUBMITTED FROM WHICH JONATHAN WOULD SELECT.

2. MOKHEHLE VOICED OBJECTIONS RE: INCLUSION OF CHIEFS IN PARLIAMENT; JONATHAN AGREED WHOLEHEARTEDLY, BUT FELT IT NECESSARY TO INCLUDE THEM AT THIS TIME.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MOKHEHLE MAY FIND OTHER MINOR OBJECTIONS, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO REFUSE TO GO ALONG NOW THAT PM HAS MET WHAT APPARENTLY WAS HIS ONLY CONDITION. THERE WAS NO RPT NO ANNOUNCEMENT OF YESTERDAY'S MEETING. WE ASSUME JONATHAN WILL BE CHARY OF ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS UNTIL HE HAS UNCONFIDENTIAL

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DITIONAL AGREEMENT FROM MOKHEHLE, WHOSE NEXT STEP IS TO DISCUSS WITH HIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. WITH THE MAJOR OBSTACLE REMOVED, HOWEVER, WE REASONABLY SANGUINE THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED AND ANNOUNCED (WITHOUT DISSENT) SOON.

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